Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT: CHAPTER 532, LARGE COMMERCIAL PASSENGER VESSELS

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: (LEAVE BLANK - ASSIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE):

CONCISE SUMMARY: This proposed new chapter applies to discharges to Maine's coastal waters of graywater and mixtures of graywater and blackwater from large commercial passenger vessels. It specifies the minimum level of effluent quality in terms of biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids, pH, fecal coliform, and chlorine. It also specifies requirements for keeping a sewage and graywater discharge record book and for sampling and reporting. Additional information concerning this rulemaking is available through http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/rule.htm

THIS RULE WILL WILL NOT X HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 38 MRSA Sections 413 and 423-D (PL 2003, ch. 650)

PUBLIC HEARING: No hearing is planned. A hearing may be requested by contacting:

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DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: January 5, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Comments may be submitted by mail at the address below, by fax at (207) 287-7191, or by email at Hetty.L.Richardson@state.me.us. To ensure consideration, comments must include your name and the organization you represent, if any. Please be aware that the risk of non-delivery associated with submissions by fax or email is on the sender. A copy of the rule is available upon request from the contact below, and on the web at: http://www.state.me.us/dep/blwq/rule.htm

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